

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 are currently being examined, both of which have been amended. No new claims have been added. It is respectfully believed that no new matter has been added.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the claimed invention. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection should be withdrawn.

Before turning to the cited art, a brief review of the present invention is in order. The present invention relates to a shielded wire processing apparatus 1 having a console 2, wire setting unit 3, shield contactor insertion unit 4, sheath cutting unit 5, sheath pulling out unit 6, braid cutting unit 7, braid folding unit 8, shielding pipe inserting unit 9, shield pipe crimping unit 10, stripping unit 11, terminal crimping unit 12, product picking-off unit 13, and carrying unit 14 shifting wire 15 along units 3 to 13 (FIG. 1; page 5, lines 3-12).

The method of the present invention includes: putting a cut 21 on a sheath 20 of a shielded wire 15 (FIG. 2C; p. 6, lines 4-6); pulling cut sheath 20 (FIG. 2D); cutting braid 22 (FIG. 2E); folding back braid 22 (FIG. 2F); and fitting circular shield pipe 23 on wire 15 (FIGS. 2G, 3, and 7) so that braid 22 is put between inner surface of shield pipe 23 and outer surface of tube portion 19b (FIG. 2G; p. 6, line 16 to p. 7, line 1; p. 12, lines 11-12).

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Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by USP 6,243,947 (**Fujita**).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Fujita describes an apparatus and method to widen a woven sheath of a wire. **Fujita** does not describe, teach, or suggest holding a woven sheath in a turned-back position. After a woven sheath S3 is turned, **Fujita** does not describe, teach, or suggest using a pipe or any other item to secure the woven sheath S3 in a turned-back position.

Fujita does not describe, teach, or suggest these features of claim 1, as amended:
“A shielded wire processing apparatus, comprising: a wire carrying unit; a braid folding unit, ... and a shielding pipe inserting unit fitting a shield pipe on the folded braid to secure the folded braid, wherein the wire carrying unit carries the shielded wire from the braid folding unit to the shielding pipe inserting unit” in combination with the other claimed features.

Furthermore, it would not have been obvious to modify **Fujita** to arrive at the advantageous invention set forth in claim 1, as amended, because of all of the extensive and substantial modifications that would be necessary.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection should be withdrawn.

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Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over **Fujita** in view of USP 5,595,219 (**Deuel**).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Deuel describes ground shell 30 assembled to ferrule 16 with splayed wire shield 18 wedged therebetween (FIG. 3; col. 2, lines 34-36).

Fujita in view of **Deuel** does not describe, teach, or suggest the following features of claim 3, as amended: “A braid folding method of a shielded wire, comprising the steps of: ... supporting an end portion of the shielded wire by a supporting member; pushing the supporting member along a guide shaft in a wire longitudinal direction and fitting a shield pipe on the folded braid so as to secure the folded braid, the pushing and fitting being performed by axial movement of a parts transferring portion” in combination with the other claimed features.

Fujita and **Deuel**, alone or in combination, do not describe, teach, or suggest the features set forth in claim 3 of “A braid folding method of a shielded wire, comprising the steps of: ... supporting an end portion of the shielded wire by a supporting member; pushing

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the supporting member along a guide shaft in a wire longitudinal direction and fitting a shield pipe on the folded braid so as to secure the folded braid, the pushing and fitting being performed by axial movement of a parts transferring portion” in combination with the other claimed features.

Furthermore, it would not have been obvious to modify **Fujita** in view of **Deuel** to arrive at the advantageous invention set forth in claim 3, as amended, because of all of the extensive and substantial modifications that would be necessary.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant’s undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for a telephone conference to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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